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## Civil War Weekend Encampment Planned at Sully

Listen for the roar of artillery, the beat of horse's hooves and the muffled sounds of infantry on the march as Sully Historic Site hosts its annual Civil War Weekend on Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and on Sunday, August 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children.

"Still here holding on to home" wrote Maria Barlow in 1863. The Haight and Barlow families lived at Sully during the Civil War years and after months of endurance amidst adversity the Virginia summer of 1863 passed in relative serenity. Both Confederate and Federal troops traveled across Sully's grounds from 1861 to 1865. They requisitioned a wagon and team, took livestock, and Mrs. Barlow sold them hay. Wounded soldiers were left in the care of Sully's residents and officers dined here.

Skirmishes each day illustrate military maneuvers of the period. Reenactors demonstrate the varied work of the army including drill, camp life and medical care. Get a close up view as artillerymen load and fire the cannon. Share in the excitement of the cavalry "running the heads and rings" and learn the importance of horses in battle. Watch teams of Federal and Confederate soldiers face off in a competition to see who can load and fire their rifles in the shortest time. Visitors can fall in as recruits and learn to march while carrying a wooden musket.

Civilian reenactors recreate the daily experiences of Northern Virginia residents during the early years of the Civil War. Play historic games and enjoy music on the lawn performed by local duo, Evergreen Shade. See fashions of the day and find out what shapes a lady's dress. Visit the sutler and purchase the same goods soldiers would have found at these traveling merchants' tents.

Included in this program is a guided tour of the first and second floors of the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman and uncle of Robert E. Lee. On view in the house will be rarely seen 19th century artifacts, including a top hat that, according to oral tradition, was worn by Jacob Haight to Abraham Lincoln's inauguration. The last house tour begins at 4 pm.

Sully Historic Site is located in Chantilly off Route 28, one quarter mile north of Route 50, five miles north of Route 66 or five miles south of the Dulles Toll Road. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit us on the web at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully).

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